

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (canceled)

Claim 2. (currently amended) A combination according to claim [[1]] 69, wherein the lamp bulb comprises a bi-pin lamp bulb.

Claim 3. (currently amended) A combination according to claim [[1]] 69, wherein the lamp base comprises a ceramic material.

Claim 4. (canceled)

Claim 5. (currently amended) A combination according to claim [[4]] 71, wherein the ~~predetermined~~ lamp base axis is the axis of revolution of the conical frustum.

Claim 6. (canceled)

~~Claim 7. (currently amended) A combination according to claim~~  
[[6]] 69, wherein the lamp bulb is secured to the lamp base adjacent the base end.

Claim 8. (currently amended) A combination according to claim [[6]] 69, wherein the sidewall is tapered at an angle of between 5° and 60° with respect to the axis ~~of revolution~~.

Claim 9. (currently amended) A combination according to claim [[6]] 69, wherein the sidewall is tapered at an angle of between 5° and 20° with respect to the axis ~~of revolution~~.

Claim 10. (canceled)

Claim 11. (currently amended) A combination according to claim [[1]] 69, wherein the filament is aligned so that its center is displaced 0.003 inches or less from the ~~predetermined~~ axis.

Claim 12. (currently amended) A combination according to claim [[1]] 69, wherein the filament is aligned so that its center is displaced 0.001 inches or less from the ~~predetermined~~ axis.

Claim 13. (currently amended) A combination according to claim [[1]] 69, wherein the lamp bulb is secured to the base with an adhesive.

Claim 14. (currently amended) A combination according to claim [[1]] 69, wherein the center of the filament of the lamp bulb is aligned with ~~predetermined~~ the axis.

Claim 15. (original)      A combination for use in aligning the filament of a lamp bulb with the principle axis of a reflector, the combination comprising:

    a bi-pin lamp bulb having a bulb portion, a pair of electrodes and a filament extending between the electrodes;

    a lamp base comprising a conical frustum having a circular base end, a circular truncated end parallel to and concentric with the base end, and a conical-shaped side wall interposed between the two, the lamp base further including two holes extending through the base in a direction parallel to an axis extending through the center of the base end and truncated end and adapted to receive the electrodes of the lamp bulb;

    wherein the lamp bulb is secured to the base so that the electrodes extend through the base, the bulb portion is disposed adjacent the base, and the filament of the lamp bulb is aligned with the axis.

Claim 16. (original)      A combination according to claim 15, wherein the lamp base comprises a ceramic material.

Claim 17. (original)      A combination according to claim 15, wherein the lamp bulb is secured to the lamp base adjacent the base end.

Claim 18. (original) A combination according to claim 15, wherein the sidewall is tapered at an angle of between 5° and 60° with respect to the axis.

Claim 19. (original) A combination according to claim 15, wherein the sidewall is tapered at an angle of between 5° and 20° with respect to the axis.

Claim 20. (original) A combination according to claim 15, wherein the filament is aligned so that its center is displaced 0.003 inches or less from the axis.

Claim 21. (original) A combination according to claim 15, wherein the filament is aligned so that its center is displaced 0.001 inches or less from the axis.

Claim 22. (original) A combination according to claim 15, wherein the lamp bulb is secured to the base with an adhesive.

Claim 23. (original) A combination according to claim 15, wherein the center of the filament of the lamp bulb is aligned with the axis.

Claims 24 - 66 (canceled)

Claim 67. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination according to claim [[66]] 69, wherein the conical-shaped side wall of the

lamp base ~~includes a tapered surface concentric about the predetermined axis, and the tapered surface is seated against a matching tapered surface provided in the lamp base receiver and that is concentric about the principal axis of the reflector.~~

Claim 68. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination ~~according to~~ of claim [[66]] 69, wherein the reflector further comprises a central opening, and wherein the lamp base receiver is adjacent the central opening of the reflector so that the lamp bulb extends through the central opening in the reflector.

Claim 69. (new)        A combination comprising:

    a lamp bulb having a pair of electrodes and a filament extending between the electrodes;

    a lamp base comprising a conical frustum having a circular base end, a circular truncated end parallel to and concentric with the base end, and a conical-shaped side wall interposed between the two, the lamp base further including two holes extending through the base in a direction parallel to an axis extending through the center of the base end and truncated end and adapted to receive the electrodes of the lamp bulb, wherein the lamp bulb is secured to the lamp base so that the filament is aligned with the axis of the lamp base;

    a reflector having a principal axis;

a lamp base receiver for receiving the lamp base and adapted to align the axis of the lamp base with the principal axis of the reflector.

Claim 70. (new)        The combination of claim 69, wherein the conical-shaped side wall of the lamp base is seated in a receiving area provided in the lamp base receiver that is concentric about the principal axis of the reflector.

Claim 71. (new)        A combination comprising:  
a lamp bulb including a pair of electrodes and a filament extending between the electrodes;  
a lamp base having a conical frustum shape including a base end, a truncated end, and two holes extending from the base end to the truncated end in a direction parallel to a lamp base axis, wherein the lamp bulb is secured to the lamp base so that the filament is aligned with the axis of the lamp base;  
a reflector having a principal axis; and  
a lamp base receiver for receiving the lamp base and adapted to align the lamp base axis with the principal axis of the reflector.

Claim 72. (new)        The combination of claim 71, wherein the reflector further comprises a central opening, and wherein the lamp base receiver is adjacent the central opening of the reflector so

that the lamp bulb extends through the central opening in the reflector.

Claim 73. (new)      The combination of claim 71, wherein the lamp base is seated in a receiving area provided in the lamp base receiver that is concentric about the principal axis of the reflector.